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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to crisis stabilization programs operating in
2 psychiatric medical institutions for children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 225C.19A, Code 2015, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **225C.19A Crisis stabilization programs.**

4 The department shall accredit, certify, or apply standards
5 of review to authorize the operation of crisis stabilization
6 programs including crisis stabilization programs operating
7 in a psychiatric medical institution for children pursuant
8 to chapter 135H that provide children with mental health,
9 substance abuse, and co-occurring mental health and substance
10 abuse services. In authorizing the operation of a crisis
11 stabilization program, the department shall apply the
12 relevant requirements for an emergency mental health crisis
13 services provider and system under section 225C.19. A
14 program authorized to operate under this section is not
15 required to be licensed under chapter 135B, 135C, or 135G,
16 or certified under chapter 231C. The commission shall adopt
17 rules to implement this section. The department shall accept
18 accreditation of a crisis stabilization program by a national
19 accrediting organization in lieu of applying the rules adopted
20 in accordance with this section to the program.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to crisis stabilization programs operating
25 in psychiatric medical institutions for children.

26 The bill provides that a crisis stabilization program
27 authorized by the department of human services pursuant to Code
28 section 225C.19A may include a crisis stabilization program
29 operating in a psychiatric medical institution for children
30 pursuant to Code chapter 135H that provides children with
31 mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring mental health
32 and substance abuse services.